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1. [redacted] Logistics, called for guidance in preparation of a reply to a letter from the Chairman, House Committee on Government Operations, dated 11 August, requesting comments to proposed changes to the biennial inventory report of U. S. Government holdings of real and personal property. [redacted]

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[redacted] It was suggested that Logistics review the proposed changes and comment as to the effect upon reporting Agency holdings. Consideration will then be given as to any changes to present reporting procedures and required action by OLC with Committee staff members.

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2. [redacted] A suggested reply to a letter from a constituent was discussed with Mr. Howard Shuman, in the office of Senator William Proxmire (D., Wisc.). The constituent had recently returned from Greece and expressed serious concern to allegations that the CIA had been involved in the takeover of the government by the military. Mr. Shuman appreciated our assistance and stated he would follow the language suggested.

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3. [redacted] A suggested reply to a letter from a constituent was discussed with Mrs. Michaels, in the office of Senator Edward J. Gurney (R., Fla.). The constituent claimed that he had been drugged over a period of time by certain individuals that he claimed were CIA agents. Mrs. Michaels stated that she felt the constituent was undoubtedly not mentally sound and she would follow our suggested language and did not consider any further action necessary.

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4. [redacted] Delivered to the office of Senator Mike Gravel (D., Alaska) an [redacted] item in which his name was mentioned.

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5. [] Handcarried to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, the package prepared at his request on Laos. After a quick review of the material, Braswell felt it was deficient in two respects: one, it did not cover the justification for U.S. programs in Laos and, two, it did not contain sufficient detail on the

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[] justification paper should come from either State or Defense since this was a policy matter and he agreed. I offered to get additional back-up material for him regarding the Thai irregulars. FE Division is pulling this together. I mentioned to Braswell that State had asked for a copy of our package. He has no objection to our giving State a copy but asked that we let him know if we decide to do so.

I asked Braswell for his opinion as to when he thought the Senate would get into a discussion of Southeast Asian programs. He said this was very uncertain but it could come up as early as next week.

I briefed Braswell on a number of current intelligence items including:

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[] Braswell asked if we could give him a paper commenting on the accuracy of the Tad Szulc column in the New York Times on the "Backfire" bomber.

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[] Handcarried to William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, a Reserve withdrawal letter dated 17 August 1971.

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[] Briefed Preston on a number of current intelligence items including:

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8. [] Roy Bullock, Staff Administrator, House Foreign Affairs Committee, called about the request which Representative Lee Hamilton, Chairman of the Near East Subcommittee, had made for the appearance of an Agency witness before his Subcommittee on the situation in the Middle East. Bullock said he planned to raise this question with Chairman Morgan since Hamilton had written to him on the subject. He asked what the "protocol" was on this. I told him that in the past we had accepted a verbal indication that Chairman Morgan endorsed the request of a subcommittee chairman for a briefing, but we agreed that under the rules under which the House is now operating, it might be desirable for the Chairman to submit these requests in writing. I told Bullock that I would give this some thought and be back in touch with him tomorrow.

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9. [] Walter Ochinko, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, called to say he had been referred to us by Mr. Swain, Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, in connection with a request the Library has received for a study on the use of heroin in Southeast Asia. Swain suggested that Ochinko ask the Agency for a copy of a research paper which we recently prepared on the subject of heroin in Southeast Asia. This matter has been referred to [] O/DDI, and [] in [] office, for response.

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10. [] John Lehman, White House staff, called to advise us of a letter which the President has received from Chairman John Stennis, Senate Armed Services Committee, on the CIA funding of operations in Laos. The Director has been advised of this conversation. See Memo for Record.

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11. [] Mr. Peter Stark, in the office of Representative John Schmitz (R., Calif.), called and asked if we could supply him with a map of SE Asia depicting the areas of insurgent activities for their use in the office. I told him I would look into it and be back in touch. [], is working on this.

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